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FOR AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN

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E.O 11652: GDS

TAGS:ILO, AORG

SUBJECT:ILO: FRG CANDIDACY FOR GOVERNING BODY CHAIRMAN.

1. AT END OF FEBRUARY 6 COURTESY CALL, FRG MINISTER HANSEN FORMALLY ADVISED ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS OF FRG DECISION TO PRESENT DR. W. HAASE AS A CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN OF ILO GOVERNING BODY TO BE ELECTED IN JUNE.

2. LEWIS SAID THIS MATTER ALREADY DISCUSSED WITHIN USG, THAT HAASE HIGHLY RESPECTED IN U.S. CIRCLES AND USG IS PREPARED TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO HAASE. LEWIS AGREED WHEN ASKED IF THIS IS FORMAL USG DECISION WHICH CAN BE RELAYED TO BONN.

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3. LEWIS THEN EXPLAINED USG IS VERY ANXIOUS TO: (A) HAVE

TOP ILO POSITIONS FILLED BY SUITABLE CANDIDATES FROM WESTERN EUROPE OR WESTERN HEMISPHERE; AND (B) AVOID ELECTION OF EASTERN EUROPEANS TO SUCH POSITIONS. HE SAID USG ANXIOUS THAT PRESIDENT OF ILO GENERAL CONFERENCE BE FILLED BY NON-EAST EUROPEAN AND THAT, THEREFORE, WE HOPE FRG CAN HELP IN EFFORT ELECT SUITABLE CANDIDATE.

4. HANSEN SUGGESTED THAT QUESTION OF WHO IS TO FILL TOP ILO POSITIONS COULD IMPACT UPON CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES TOWARD ILO, POINT LEWIS READILY AGREED WITH. SISCO

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